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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**APPLICANT:** Coelho, Philip, et al.  
**SERIAL NO.:** 09/709,237  
**FILED:** November 10, 2000  
**FOR:** Apparatus and Method of  
Preparation of Stable, Long Term  
Thrombin from Plasma and  
Thrombin Formed Thereby

**ART UNIT:** 1653

**EXAMINER:**  
Kam, Chih Min

**To:** Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

**ELECTION**

Sir:

Responsive to the Examiner's election requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 provided in the Office Action dated March 18, 2003, kindly enter the following election:

Applicant elects group II (claims 9 through 11, classified in class 424, subclass 94.64).

This election is respectfully made provisionally with traverse and undersigned requests the Examiner to kindly reconsider the position taken in the last Office Action.

**REMARKS**

The Office Action mailed March 18, 2003, has been received and its contents carefully noted. With respect to the requirement for election/restriction between groups I and II applicant hereby provisionally elects group II, consisting of claims 9 through 11. Applicant respectfully traverses the requirement and requests reconsideration. It is believed that all claims are so closely related to the elected claims